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**DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS AND MINING**

*Amendment
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RE: Permit Amendment, River Gas Corporation Access Road, Plateau Mining Corporation, Star Point Mine, ACT/007/006, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Littig:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) is herewith submitting a permit modification to its Star Point Mine MRP to remove a small segment of an existing public road from its disturbed area. This action will allow River Gas Corporation (RGC) the ability to upgrade of this road for access to its coal bed methane field.

RGC approached PMC back in May of 1999, requesting a right-of-way across its fee lands in Township 15 South, Range 8 East, Sections 2 and 10. This permit modification addresses the issues in Section 10. The access road that RGC wants a right-of-way for is identified in the MRP as road 'F'. The portion of the access road that is being removed from the bonded disturbed area is a small segment crossing the drainage. The area crossing the drainage presently has a concrete channel crossing that was scheduled for removal during final reclamation.

This amendment removes approximately 0.10 acres from the disturbed area, so that RGC can construct a new road that is more conducive to drilling and workover rigs and facilitates year round access. The engineering design for the road is being provided. The only reason why this public road is being upgraded is for RGC's needs, otherwise the road would have remained as is, where is.

The upgrade by RGC to this public road will require the removal of the two existing sediment traps (Nos. 18 and 19) used to treat road runoff and the four diversion ditches (Nos. 43, 44A, 44B and 45) associated with the existing road 'F'. RGC will construct a 22-foot to 26-foot wide road with appropriate road side ditches as shown on the attached maps (Exhibit 761b). The road and road ditches will be graveled to minimize sediment loading to the stream flow.

Because the acreage to be removed from the bonded disturbed area is very small, and within the margin of error, in comparison to the overall bonded disturbed area, PMC did not modify any reference to its bonded acreage. Nor did it reduce its reclamation cost estimate to show that its

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costs will be reduced by not having to reconstruct that portion of the channel being replaced with a 72-inch reinforced concrete pipe.

RGC will be responsible for all maintenance of this road, acquiring the requisite stream alteration permit, and any other approvals. They will also be required to reseed all new disturbances associated with this road and those segments where the road realignment differs from the existing alignment with the reclamation seed mix in the Star Point Permit.

RGC will not receive a right-of-way across PMC's land for any upgrade to the road until the Division approves this permitting action. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Johnny Pappas
Sr. Environmental Engineer

Enclosures

cc: Jean Semborski (w/o enclosures)

File: River Gas - Star Point Mine
Chrono: JP000308.ltr

APPLICATION FOR PERMIT PROCESSING

Permit Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	New Permit <input type="checkbox"/>	Renewal <input type="checkbox"/>	Transfer <input type="checkbox"/>	Exploration <input type="checkbox"/>	Bond Release <input type="checkbox"/>	Permit Number: ACT/007/006
Title of Proposal: River Gas Corporation Access Road via road 'F', Upgrade of road to facilitate coal bed methane exploration, access, and maintenance						Mine: STAR POINT MINES
						Permittee: PLATEAU MINING CORP.

Description, include reason for application and timing required to implement:

River Gas Corp. Request to upgrade road for Coal Bed Methane purposes

Instructions: If you answer yes to any of the first 8 questions (gray), submit the application to the Salt Lake Office. Otherwise, you may submit it to your reclamation specialist.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	1. Change in the size of the Permit Area? _____ acres Disturbed Area? 0.10 acres <input type="checkbox"/> increase <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> decrease
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	2. Is the application submitted as a result of a Division Order? DO # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	3. Does application include operations outside a previously identified Cumulative Hydrologic Impact Area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	4. Does application include operations in hydrologic basins other than as currently approved?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	5. Does application result from cancellation, reduction or increase of insurance or reclamation bond?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. Does the application require or include public notice/publication?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	7. Does the application require or include ownership, control, right-of-entry, or compliance information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	8. Is proposed activity within 100 feet of a public road or cemetery or 300 feet of an occupied dwelling?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	9. Is the application submitted as a result of a Violation? NOV # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	10. Is the application submitted as a result of other laws or regulations or policies? Explain: _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	11. Does the application affect the surface landowner or change the post mining land use?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	12. Does the application require or include underground design or mine sequence and timing? (Modification of R2P2?)
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	13. Does the application require or include collection and reporting of any baseline information?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	14. Could the application have any effect on wildlife or vegetation outside the current disturbed area?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	15. Does application require or include soil removal, storage or placement?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	16. Does the application require or include vegetation monitoring, removal or revegetation activities?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	17. Does the application require or include construction, modification, or removal of surface facilities?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	18. Does the application require or include water monitoring, sediment or drainage control measures?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	19. Does the application require or include certified designs, maps, or calculations?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	20. Does the application require or include subsidence control or monitoring?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	21. Have reclamation costs for bonding been provided for?
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	22. Does application involve a perennial stream, a stream buffer zone or discharges to a stream?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	23. Does the application affect permits issued by other agencies or permits issued to other entities?

☒ Attach 3 complete copies of the application.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments, undertakings, and obligations, herein. (R645-301-123)

Signed - Name - Position - Date
Jackie D. Bogdian - JOHNNY PAPPAI - Sr. Env. Engineer - 3/27/00
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of Mar 2000
Jackie D. Bogdian
 Notary Public
 My Commission Expires: 3-15-2001
 Attest: UT
 COUNTY OF CARSON

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ASSIGNED TRACKING NUMBER

Title of Application:

Permit Number: ACT/007/006

Permittee: PLATEAU MINING CORP.

DESCRIPTION OF MAP, TEXT, OR MATERIALS TO BE CHANGED

Any other specific or special instructions required for insertion of this proposal into the Mining and Reclamation Plan?

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